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Improvements in Shopping or like Bags

I, JANE SILVERSTEIN, a British Subject, of J.M.S. (Import-Export) Ltd., of 11 Sherwood Court, Seymour Place, London, W.1, do hereby declare the invention, for which I pray that a patent may be granted to me, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement:—

This invention relates to a shopping bag or similar carrier and it is an object of the present invention to provide an improved form of such bag or carrier.

According to the present invention a shopping bag or similar carrier comprises a flexible bag portion having a stiff platform member secured at the base thereof, said bag portion having at least one wheel or the like at the bottom thereof and secured to said stiff platform member, so that said bag can be wheeled along on said wheel or wheels, said flexible bag portion having a strap with one end secured adjacent the periphery of the opening thereof so that said bag portion can be rolled up around said stiff platform member and be held in said rolled up position by having said strap wrapped around it and said strap's free end engaged in a catch mounted adjacent said one end of said strap.

How the invention may be carried out will now be described by way of example only and with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a bag according to the invention, in its open position;

Figure 2 is a perspective view showing the bag of Figure 1 in its folded position; and Figure 3 is an underside view of Figure 1.

The shopping bag is made up of two pieces of flexible synthetic plastic 1a and 1b which are secured together along two side seams 2a, 2b and along a bottom seam 2c to form a flexible bag portion. This flexible bag portion has a synthetic plastic finishing and reinforcing strip 3 around the open periphery thereof.

A pair of synthetic plastic handles 4 are mounted adjacent the open top of the flexible bag portion by means of metal rings 5 which pass through loops 6a of synthetic plastic covered by patches 6 of synthetic plastic and secured to the flexible bag portion by rivets 7.

A rigid platform member 8, shown in broken lines, of wood is located at the base of the flexible bag member and four rubber castors 10 mounted on ball bearings are each secured to the platform member 8 by four rivets 9, which pass through the base of the flexible bag portion which is sandwiched between the stiff platform member 8 and the castors 10. The wooden member 8 has its upper surface covered by a sheet of synthetic plastic material. The flexible bag portion has reinforcing patches 11 of synthetic plastic at the bottom corners thereof.

As shown in Figure 1, the bag can be held by the handles 4 and wheeled along on the castors 10 particularly when the bag is full or partly full, the weight of the contents being supported on the stiff platform member 8.

The flexible bag portion has a strap 12 of synthetic plastic with one end secured adjacent the periphery of the opening thereof, the strap 12 being of such a length that when the flexible bag portion is rolled up around the stiff platform member 8, as shown in Figure 2, the strap 12 can be wrapped around the folded bag and have its end engage a lockable catch 13 that is secured adjacent the periphery of the opening of the flexible bag portion, thereby enabling the bag to be carried, by the handles 4, in a compact form.

The bag may be rolled up in the manner described when it is more or less empty as well as when it is empty.

It will be appreciated that by making the flexible bag portion and handles of suitable lengths the bag as a whole can be easily wheeled along on the castors by a person holding the handles.

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Modifications may be made to the aforescribed embodiment of the invention. For example, the stiff platform member 8 may be disposed externally of the base of the flexible bag material, or it may be disposed between layers of said material comprising the base of the flexible bag portion. The flexible bag portion may be made of any other suitable flexible material such as canvas for example.

Alternative means than those shown may be provided to retain the strap 12 in position when wrapped around the flexible bag portion when the bag is in its rolled up condition. The stiff platform member 8 may be provided with any suitable number of castors such as two or three, although three or four are preferred so that the bag is then substantially self-supporting.

WHAT I CLAIM IS:—

1. A shopping bag or similar carrier comprising a flexible bag portion having a stiff platform member secured at the base thereof, said bag portion having at least one wheel or the like at the bottom thereof and secured

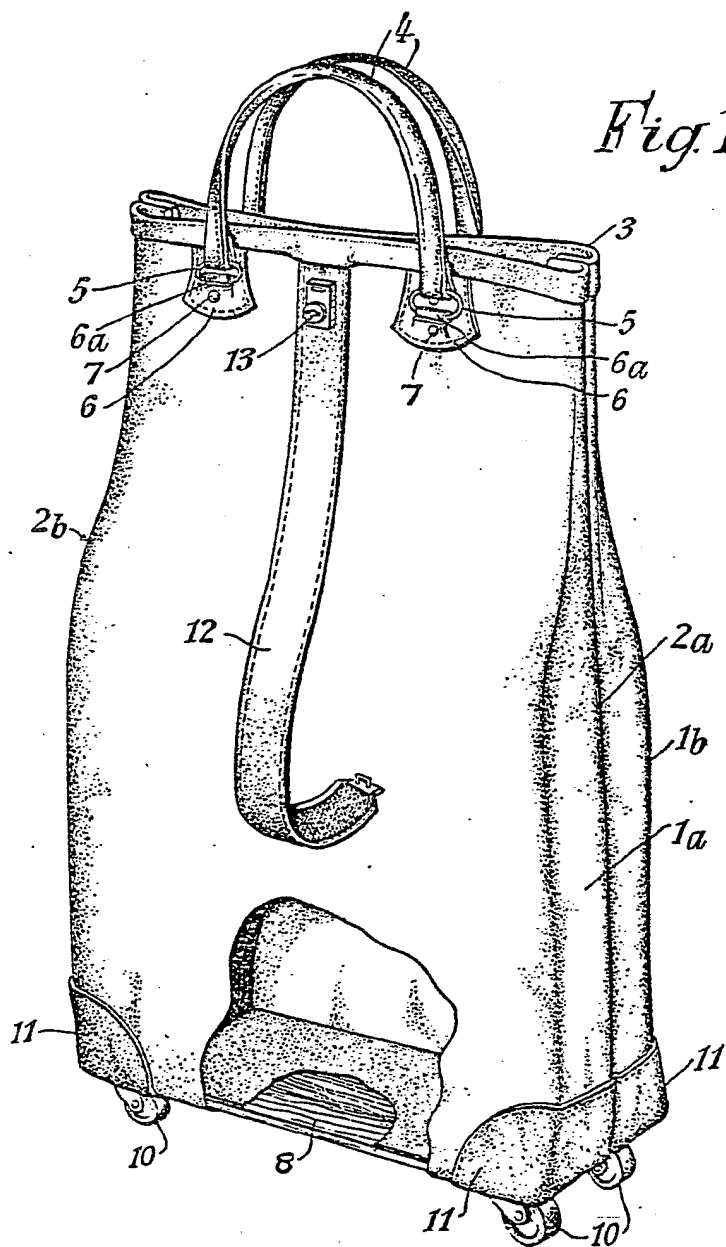
to said stiff platform member, so that said bag can be wheeled along on said wheel or wheels, said flexible bag portion having a strap with one end secured adjacent the periphery of the opening thereof so that said bag portion can be rolled up around said stiff platform member and be held in said rolled up position by having said strap wrapped around it and said strap's free end engaged in a catch mounted adjacent said one end of said strap.

2. A shopping bag as claimed in claim 1 having at least three wheels secured to said stiff platform member so that it is substantially self-supporting when in the unfolded condition.

3. A shopping bag substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

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Fig. 1.



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Fig. 1.

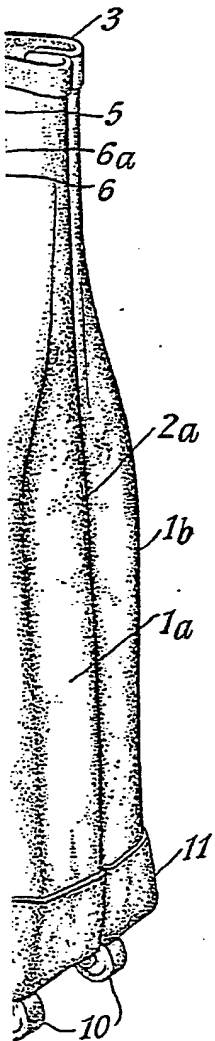


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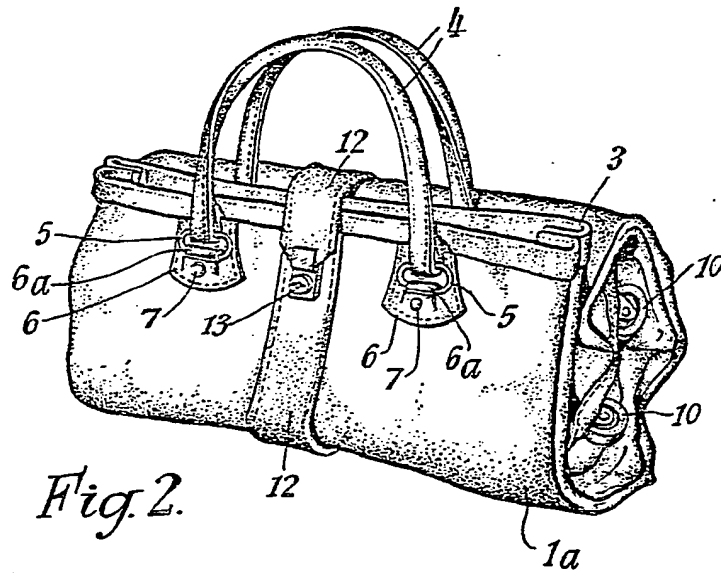
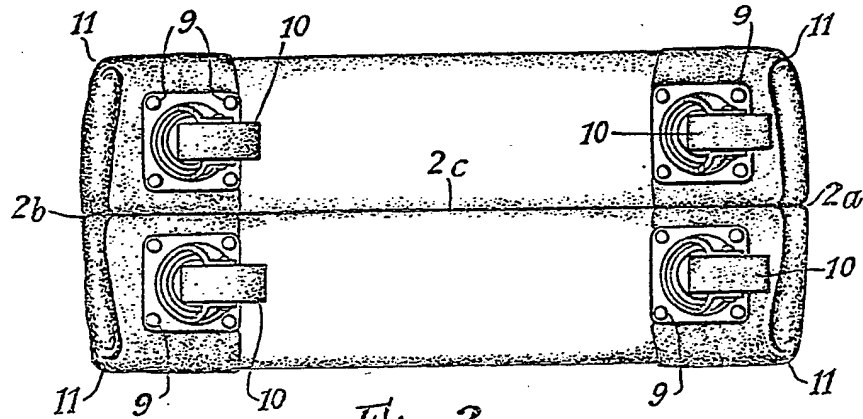


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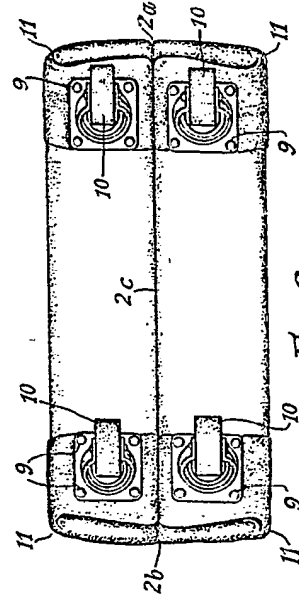
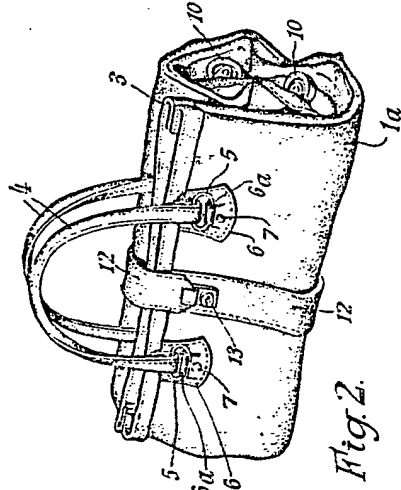
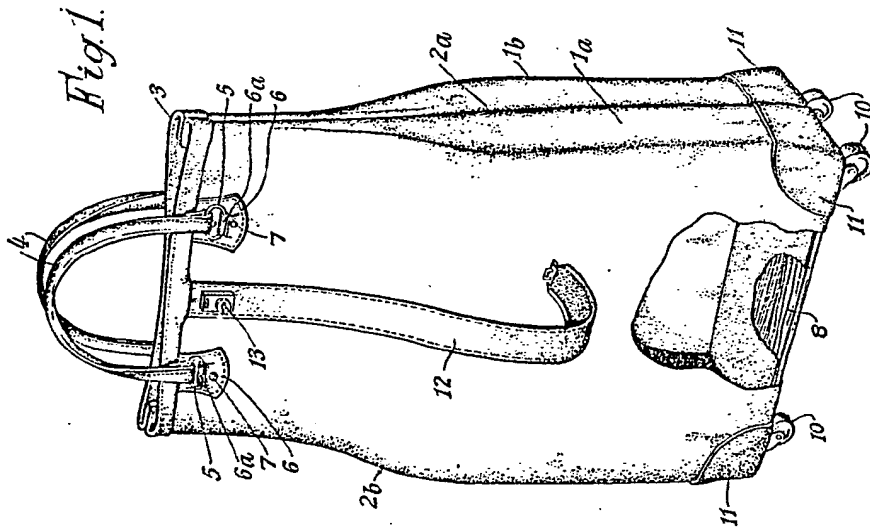


Fig. 3.